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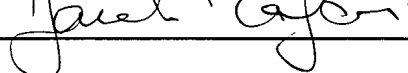
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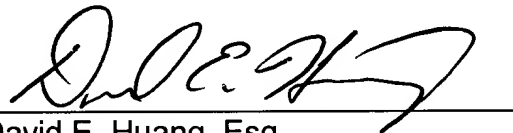
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- [x] Transmittal Letter (this form, 2 pages, in duplicate), Total Pages: 4;
- [x] Part B – Issue Fee Transmittal (1 page, in duplicate), Total Pages: 2;
- [x] Letter to the Official Draftsperson (2 pages, in duplicate), Total Pages: 4;
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Respectfully submitted,



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LETTER TO THE OFFICIAL DRAFTSPERSON

Sir:

In response to the "Notice of Allowability" and "Issue Fee Transmittal" mailed June 24, 2004, forwarded herewith is one (1) sheet of corrected formal drawing to be substituted for the corresponding original formal drawing presently in the

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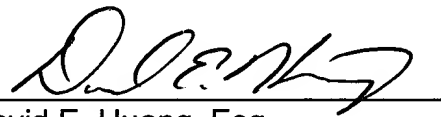
above-identified patent application. In this corrected formal drawing, the correction (i) proposed by the Examiner in the Form PTOL-37 "Notice of Allowability" mailed June 24, 2004, and (ii) identified by the Examiner's in the Office Action dated October 3, 2003, has been made. In particular, Figure 1 has been labeled as --Prior Art--.

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If these corrected formal drawings are found to be deficient in any way, the Official Draftsperson is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone so that Applicant can accomplish any further changes that the Official Draftsperson might require.

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